

State of California  
Department of Parks and Recreation

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Diablo Vista District  
845 Casa Grande Road  
Petaluma, CA 94954-5804

**PROJECT TITLE:** Trail Maintenance: North Peak Trail – Devil's Elbow to Prospector's Gap

**LOCATION:** Mount Diablo State Park

**COUNTY:** Contra Costa

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Perform trail maintenance on the North Peak Trail between Devil's Elbow to Prospector's Gap in Mount Diablo State Park to improve sustainability and restore fire damage. Project will:

- Perform tread repair and/or modification as necessary to improve sustainability;
- Remove overgrown vegetation to maintain lateral and vertical clearances;
- Remove berm on the outer edge of the trail and dispose and re-compact on trail tread;
- Outslope trail and/or construct drainage dips to allow rapid water flow off the trail;
- Remove rock buildup from a puncheon deposited by rock falls;
- Reconstruct 2' tall x 8' long retaining wall destroyed by fire. Reconstruction will require excavating 4 post holes 2' deep x 8" in diameter;
- Construct a barrier of organic material removed as part of trail maintenance to define the trail from fire breaks constructed during fire suppression activities.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Diablo Vista District

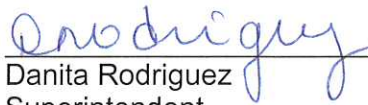
**EXEMPT STATUS:**

☒ Categorical Exemption      Class: 1, 2 & 4      Section: 15301, 15302 & 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of the repair and maintenance of existing public structures and facilities involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels; replacement of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced; and the minor alteration in the condition of land that does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees; included as "trail repairs" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

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